



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

September 30, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

September seemed to be lost in a wrinkle in time somewhere. As we forge into cooler temperatures and shorter days, the pace at Lincoln is as busy as ever. We'd like to thank Anita Colasante and Jen Trevett for master minding the schedule of library volunteers and toiling in the library to prepare it for our children. Importantly Curriculum Night is tomorrow night! This adult only evening is your first chance of the year to investigate your child's classroom, listen to his or her teacher regarding curriculum and spy into his or her desk to see where all those supplies you purchased have gone. Room parents will be available that night to inform you of opportunities to help in the classroom. Please note the starting times are staggered to accommodate parents who have children in different grades. Of course, we will be happy to accept donations for the Direct Appeal that night and will have a table manned in the lobby if you have any questions. For future planning, please note the three early release days in October during which Parent/Teacher conferences occur. We hope to see many of you at our next LSPA meeting on October 8th in the cafeteria. Our best,

—Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 1

Curriculum Night

6:30 PM – Kindergarten & Grade 3

7:00 PM – Grades 4, 1, and Multi-Age

7:30 PM – Grades 2 & 5

Thursday October 8

LSPA Meeting - 8:30 AM Cafeteria

October 21-23

Early Release Conferences

LETTER FROM LYNN VOZZELLA

Please see the attached letter from our school nurse Lynn Vozzella with important information for parents including vision & hearing screenings, 5th grade health forms, new student health forms, medications, allergies, and more!

WELCOME FROM ANDREA COGAN

I am very excited about this year. This year will be filled with experiences that encourage your child to have fun, explore and feel comfortable in the Physical Education setting. The Lincoln School students will be working throughout the year on improving their strength, flexibility, and endurance, not to mention cooperation, participation, sportsmanship and of course respect. These activities allow children the opportunity to work together to improve their emerging social and cooperation skills. These activities also help children develop a positive self-concept. Please remind your child to wear sneakers and appropriate clothing such as sweat pants, wind pants and t-shirts that are comfortable and let them move freely about the gym and on the equipment. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us or by phone 781-721-7017 ext. 2023.

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are off to a great start and have been very excited to see how many families have already contributed to the Direct Appeal. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.



BOX TOP CONTEST HAS BEGUN!!

Congratulations again to Mr.'s Flaherty's friends (last year's classroom winner!) and thank you to all who helped make last year's Box Top program the best year ever (over \$1600 raised!). This year's contest will run from now until the collection boxes are picked up at the end of school in May of 2010. The classroom with the **most Box Tops** will have their choice of a special reward! So start clipping! Box Tops offers two easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries and shopping online; **1. Clip** - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. Send the Box Tops to school with your child and deposit them in the classroom collection box. **2. Shop** - Shop your favorite online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace and receive up to **8% of each qualifying purchase** donated to Lincoln School! See www.boxtops4education.com for a look at the merchants found in the Box Tops Marketplace. For further information please contact Diane O'Donnell, Lincoln School Box Top Coordinator at dodonnell2@comcast.net.

DAISY TROOP #71503

Would your kindergarten daughter like to join a Winchester Girl Scout Daisy Troop? The program is designed for Kindergarten girls to experience the concepts of the Girl Scouts in an informal supportive environment. We will meet once a month on Saturday afternoons from October to May. If interested, contact Linda Rossetti larossetti@comcast.net or 781-721-2261.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAC NEWS

As two members of Winchester Special Education Parents Advisory Council, (PAC) we are interested in forming a sub-group of PAC for parents of children, all ages, who have a Language Based Learning Disability (LBD) like dyslexia. Our immediate goal is to provide support and resources for parents. Our longer-term goals will develop with the group's input, over time. Current ideas we have may be working with the PAC to help recommend Professional Development ideas for teachers, find speakers and to help advocate for consistency and pedagogical changes across the district in teaching our children with LBD and providing support for issues related to IEPs and accommodations. If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this group, please e-mail either Kim Lazarus at kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net or Amy Kraft at akpk1282@verizon.net

WBA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

On Saturday mornings in December, January, and February, the WBA offers an in-town basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-5. There are separate divisions for boys and girls in each grade. Our objective is for all players to have fun while improving their basketball fundamentals, with an emphasis on developing individual and team skills. For grades 3-5 the program is designed to be instructional and recreational for younger players with limited basketball experience. A typical session includes about 25% drills-ball handling, passing, shooting and footwork; and 75% games and contests. Registration for the in-town program is \$115; discounts are available for multiple players from the same family. For information and to register, visit <http://www.winchesterbasketball.org/>. For Other questions, contact Tom Gaither at twgaither@comcast.net.

TOPS SOCCER

Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an

opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes. **Schedule:** 1:30-2:30, Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester (September 20th through November 1st (excluding Columbus Day Weekend). If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach (no prior soccer experience necessary), please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director, at jfcalnan@yahoo.com.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

The International Connections group of the Multicultural Network invites international residents to come to the Farmer's Market on Winchester Common on **Saturday, October 3, between 9:30am and 1:30pm**. Look for the table that the Network will be sharing with the Winchester Public Library. There you will meet members of International Connections, sign up for fall conversation groups, and get information about fall activities, such as the walk in the Fells and the International Pot Luck Supper. Conversation groups will be offered at different times during the week, and participants must register ahead. For more information on the conversation groups, call English At Large, 781-395-2374 or Liz Sayre, 781-729-9242.

PARENT TO PARENTS PRESENTS....

Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, Compassionate Kids

Social trends such as too much media, rampant consumerism, overly structured school days and overly wired (yet emotionally disconnected) relationships are undermining the quality of children's lives today. Author and Professor of Education Nancy Carlsson- Paige, Ed. D will discuss these issues with parents of elementary school aged children. Dr. Carlsson- Paige has taught at Lesley University for 30 years and is recognized as a national expert on the issue of how violence, especially in the media, affects children's social development. She has co-authored four books and written numerous articles on media violence, conflict resolution, peaceable classrooms and global education. Her most recent book is called "Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, Compassionate Kids" and will be available for sale courtesy of Book Ends. Please join us on **Wednesday October 28th at 7:30**

PM at McCall Middle School. Parent to Parent is grateful to the John and Mary Murphy Foundation for its generous contribution to fund this program

FRIENDS OF ART

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students.

The Winchester community is also invited to join the Friends of Art on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5pm to 8pm, to honor the Back-to-School artists at a reception at the library.

For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art, contact [<http://us.mc1120.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=winchesterfoa@hotmail.com>] or winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

FANSPLASH

In just four months of fundraising, we have raised over \$40,000 towards bringing a splash park to Winchester!

Go Down in FANSplash History!

As our primary fundraiser, FANSplash is teaming up with members of the Winchester Artist's Network to commemorate the revitalization efforts by selling personalized tiles to decorate the Borggaard Beach Bathhouse walls. Tiles will be on sale for residents to personalize and decorate as a lasting legacy of the community support for this project. For details on how to design your own tile and become a part of Winchester History, please visit www.winrec.com or www.fansplash.org. Register through [winrec.com](http://www.winrec.com) using the registration code: 100-FE-06A.

Upcoming Events: October 20th - Whole Foods, Woburn will donate 5% of the day's proceeds to FANSplash!

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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